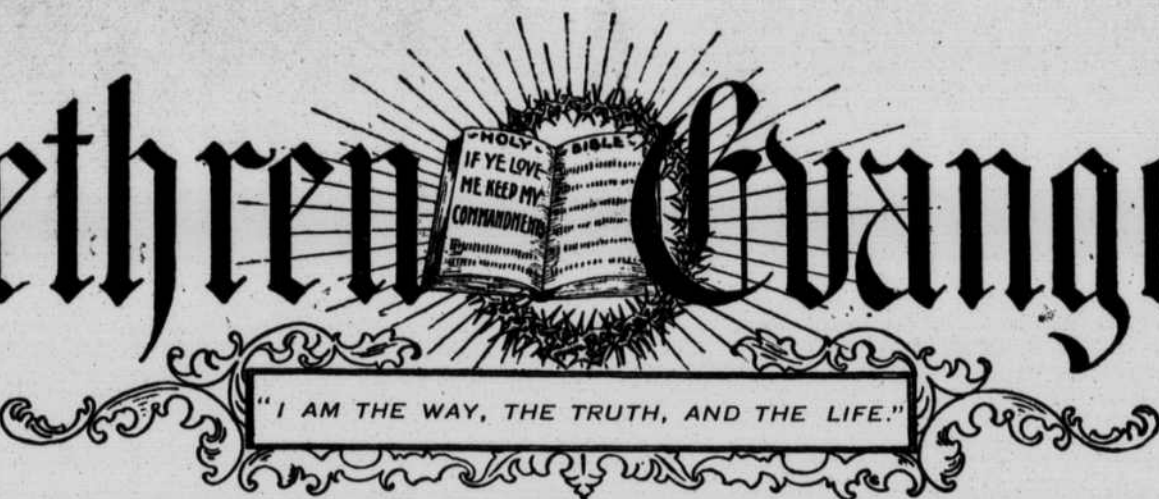


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## Notes and Comments.

WE trust those who are indebted to us will respond to our appeal in this issue.

BROTHER R. R. Teeter reports one more accession at Flora, Indiana.

THE K. C. of Ashland, has already voted its \$2.00 for the tract work.

THE closing exercises at the College were a complete success in every particular.

MOST of the students have returned home, and by this time it is decidedly lonely about the hall.

THE New Highland church, Ind., reports twelve accessions under the preaching of brother D. A. Hopkins.

IN the article by B. G. Frederick, No. 17, page 12, eleventh line from the bottom, read *moments* instead of *months*.

ON account of sickness at home, brother J. A. Miller preached the anniversary sermon. The attendance was good, and we hear the sermon well spoken of.

WE have received many letters of sympathy upon the death of our child, for all which, with other blessings, we are truly thankful. We should have made mention last week of Brother Miller's kind services during our affliction.

BROTHER I. D. Bowman of Philadelphia, Pa., is conducting a series of very interesting services in his home church. Several accessions have been reported and others are coming. One of the features of this meeting is the high spirituality which characterizes all the services.

BROTHER C. Forney informs us that for the next three months he will be at liberty and ready to respond to the call of any church desiring his services. His address is, Aurelia, Iowa.

LITTLE Eddie, son of Brother and Sister Rensch, met with a serious accident sometime ago. Eddie, in returning home from school, had his leg badly mangled by the hind wheel of a heavily loaded wagon. Everybody feels sorry for the boy, and sympathizes with Brother Rensch and wife. It is to be hoped that Eddie will completely recover from his wound. For this we pray.

A BAPTIST pastor secured a number of new subscribers for the church paper in the following way:

"I took a new turn on my church and woke up these new subscriptions. At the close of the sermon, I said: 'See here, brethren, I want you to employ an assistant pastor; I can't do all the work on this field. I have my mind on a 'silent one' you can get cheap—a grand, good preacher, too. He will preach you fifty-two sermons a year, and deliver full as many lectures. Then, he will keep you posted on the movements of all our churches, give you all important news, discuss the Sunday-school lesson, talk to the Young People's Union, and help them on their topics. He is very prompt, never misses an appointment, comes rain or shine. Cheap, did I say? Yes, amazing cheap! \* \* \* Here I will show you the preacher [drawing a copy of the *Standard* from under the pulpit;] this is the fellow. See, he is pure and clean inside and out, and a Baptist of the first *water*.' At first they looked dazed, stumped, but soon a smile took the place of confusion."

Insert EVANGELIST in place of *Standard* and Brethren in place of Baptist, and the paragraph will be very applicable.

AN *exchange* gives the following answer to the inquiry, "Why so few men in the church":—"What, then, do we need in the pulpit? What will draw men? The gospel of Jesus, preached in the fulness and power of the life of the Son of God. They do not seek a diluted gospel; they do not ask a nerveless force; they will not accept a secular message from the pulpit. They have all that every day and everywhere. They ask the truth concerning God and the soul and destiny. Wrapt up as they are in their secular affairs, bound by conditions they cannot change, they ask help, they seek strength, and they will be satisfied with nothing less **than the truth that opens to them a higher sphere and a greater life.** When we lift this secular life into its true sphere of Christian life, men will rejoice in it as the day of their deliverance. The pulpit alone cannot do this; it must be by the pervading Christian spirit, the atmosphere of Christ breathed into all the currents of life by those who love Him."

WE have on our table a chart issued by two eminent physicians giving the theory of Pulmonary Consumption. The relation of the drink habit to this form of consumption, is somewhat remarkable and attracted our attention. We quote the following. "Alcohol has the power of degenerating nerve fibres. It is especially an irritant to the pneumo-gastric nerve and has an especial destructive affinity for that nerve. The children of parents who suffer from alcoholism are in a tremendous percentage of cases the victims of consumption. In fact the children of parents who are even moderately hard drinkers always prove the easy victims of consumption. Furthermore, our records show that hard drinkers themselves are particularly susceptible to consumption, and that alcoholism in a very great percentage of cases leads to consumption. These facts are due to reflex action over the pneumo-gastric nerve."

ALL doors open to those who smile.